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FOR AMBASSADOR SULLIVAN

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SUBJECT: SHIPS FOR INDONESIA

REF: (A) JAKARTA 10523; (B) MANILA 12107

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1. I APPRECIATE YOUR WILLINGNESS, IN MIDST ALL YOUR
OTHER PROBLEMS, ASSIST US IN TRYING TO MAKE WHEC'S
PRESENTABLE FOR INDONESIAN INSPECTION. WE WOULD NOT HAVE RAISED
ISSUE EXCEPT THAT DESCRIPTION INCLUDING TERM
"DEPLORABLE" CAME FROM OUR NAVAL ATTACHE WHO, WITHOUT
ADVANCE CONSULTATION WITH US, ACCEPTED OFFER TO VIEW TWO
OF SHIPS, IN COMPANY OF NAVAL OFFICER IN CHARGE OF THEM,
DURING VISIT TO SUBIC TWO WEEKS AGO. WHAT HE SAID AROUSED
MY CONCERN THAT WHILE SOME DEFECTS MAY BE COSMETIC,
OTHERS, SUCH AS MISSING BREECHBLOCKS, ARE MORE SERIOUS.
I WILL APPRECIATE WHAT CAN BE DONE.

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2. WHILE I AM GRATEFUL FOR ADM. KILCLINE'S OFFER TO SEND

EXPERT TO BRIEF INDONESIANS PRIOR TO THEIR VISIT TO SUBIC,
I BELIEVE BEST PROCEDURE WOULD BE BRIEFING AT SUBIC PRIOR TO THEIR
VISIT TO SHIPS. SUCH BRIEFING SHOULD INCLUDE BASIC DATA ON
SHIPS, THEIR UTILIZATION AND WHAT WILL HAVE TO BE DONE TO
MAKE SHIPS USABLE, INCLUDING, IF POSSIBLE, ESTIMATE OF
COSTS INVOLVED. IT WOULD BE HELPFUL TO US TO KNOW AS SOON
AS POSSIBLE WHEN SUBIC READY FOR VISIT AS INDONESIANS HAVE
BEEN PRESSING TO GET ON WITH INSPECTION AND WOULD LIKE TO
TRAVEL TO PHILIPPINES IN COMING WEEK, IF POSSIBLE.
GIVEN FACT THAT THEY WISH TO SEE SHIPS BEFORE INDONESIAN
TEAM GOES TO WASHINGTON (SITH ARRIVAL THERE CURRENTLY PROJECTED
FOR SEPTEMBER 12) FOR TALKS ON MILITARY ASSISTANCE THAT ARE
FOLLOW-ON TO SHUARTO'S CAMP DAVID MEETING WITH PRESIDENT,
LATEST POSSIBLE DATE FOR THEIR ARRIVAL IN PHILIPPINES WOULD
BE SEPTEMBER 8.

3. FOR STATE AND DEFENSE: ON A RELATED MATTER, IF INDONESIANS
DECIDE TO ACCEPT SHIPS, THEY WILL UNDOUBTEDLY INQUIRE ABOUT
STORAGE COSTS WHILE COMPLYING WITH CONGRESSIONAL
NOTIFICATION PROCEDURES (EF C, PARA 9). WOULD
APPRECIATE YOUR SUPPLYING US WITH ESTIMATE OF COSTS AND
ALSO EXPLAINING WHEN GOI LIABILITY FOR STORAGE COSTS
WOULD BEGIN-ON DATE GOI ACCEPTS SHIPS OR ON DATE DOD FORWARDS
NOTIFICATION OF PROPOSED TRANSFER TO CONGRESS?
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